

REMARKS

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Official Letter. The Examiner has held the Response made March 12, 2007, as non-responsive because of a simple typographical error. In the Patent Declaration on file and signed by the inventors, while the New Zealand priority is identified, inadvertently the "Priority Claimed" box has not been checked. Counsel has faxed a Substitute Power of Attorney to its associate in New Zealand, copy of Substitute Declaration enclosed, but unfortunately counsel has not yet received the executed Substitute Declaration. It is not clear if that is because one or more of the inventors is on holiday and not reachable, but, keeping in mind that counsel is dealing with New Zealand, which is about as far away from the United States as is possible, the time permitted by the Examiner has not been adequate. Since extensions are not possible, it is submitted that it is clear from the record that the New Zealand priority is to be claimed; a copy of the New Zealand priority has been sent to the Office by WIPO; and the clear claim to the New Zealand priority was made in the PCT application. As soon as a Substitute Declaration is received by counsel, it will be submitted, and it is not thought that "form over substance" should in any way jeopardize the claim to priority because a box was not checked, claiming priority. The evidence of this PCT application clearly shows an intent to claim priority, and a certified copy of the priority document is on file.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure Substitute Patent Declaration